



FOR INFO: Football Development Funding 2018-19

The ESFA Development Fund has helped to create over 3,000 new school teams and offered playing opportunities for over 27,000 new participants over the course of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons. Over the past 2 years over £160,000 has been directly invested into the grassroots level of schools' football.

As with last season, deliverers will be able to apply for more than 1 project but this year these must be submitted on separate forms.

Upon the submission of an application, you will be contacted by the ESFA to confirm the amount of funding you are applying for and the number of NEW teams/participants you are proposing to support. If this is not confirmed, the application will not be accepted.

The 'Application Window' will open on 18th June 2018, 3 months earlier than previous windows, enabling deliverers to plan new activity in advance of the new school year. The window will close on **19th September 2018**, with all applicants being notified w/c 24th September 2018. All projects must take place in the 2018-19 season and ideally be completed by Monday 3rd June 2019 to enable us to receive the M&E forms.

Finally, as with 2017-18, any funding awarded will be paid in 2 stages; an initial 80% payment at the start of the delivery window and a 20% payment once the monitoring and evaluation of your project has been submitted. Failure to submit monitoring and evaluation will see your final 20% withheld and also holds potential for a clawback of funding from ESFA. Furthermore, as bids are judged on the number of new teams created, failure to reach approx. 70% of your proposed amounts may result in a clawback of funding from the ESFA. This is in recognition of the fact that development work is, by its nature, uncertain, but that funding is granted in exchange for increasing participation and that bids will be judged on this factor.

Thank you

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